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1. BELOW IS THE TEXT CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MAY
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2. BEGIN SITREP TEXT:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP MAY 18

SITUATION ON THE GROUND

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GENERAL DALLAIRE REPORTED THAT FORMER FRENCH MINISTER
KOUCHNER HAD LEFT KIGALI. HIS EFFORT TO EXTRICATE
CHILDREN FROM A FRENCH NATIONAL-RUN ORPHANAGE HAD FAILED.
THE RGF AND RPF HAD AGREED TO GRANT SAFE PASSAGE TO THE
CONVOY AND THE UN FORCES ESCORTING THE CONVOY. HOWEVER,
WHEN THE LOCAL MILITIAS WERE BROUGHT IN TO GIVE THEIR
CONCURRENCE, THEY INSISTED ON ACCOMPANYING THE CONVOY TO
THE AIRPORT, A CONDITION WHICH THE RPF COULD NOT ACCEPT.
(AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

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SIX DAYS AGO GENERAL DALLAIRE PRESENTED AN IMPLEMENTATION ACCORD ON A CEASE FIRE TO MILITARY STAFFS ON BOTH SIDES. THE IMPLEMENTATION ACCORD, ONCE APPROVED AT FIELD LEVEL, IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE BELLIGERENT PARTIES AT A REGIONAL SUMMIT, AS AGREED IN SEPARATE CEASE FIRE DOCUMENTS SIGNED AT GBADOLITE. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, THE RGF COMMAND HAS OFFERED AMENDMENTS TO THE DOCUMENT; BUT THE RPF REFUSES TO ADDRESS THESE WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE UNTIL THE MILLES COLLINES PROBLEM IS RESOLVED AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL BOOH-BOOH IS FIRED. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

ROGER WINTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES, IS CURRENTLY IN RPF TERRITORY. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAS SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF RPF ATROCITIES. HE WILL BE TRAVELLING TO THE RWANDA-TANZANIA BORDER TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF RPF ATROCITIES THERE. NEWS DISPATCHES INDICATE THE UNHCR/NGARA IS THE SOURCE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, BUT PRIVATELY UNHCR/GENEVA IS SAYING THAT UNHCR IS NOT MAKING ANY ALLEGATIONS. (AF/C TELCON & FAX
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WITH USCR/ DAR ES SALAAM 3113)

COL. ASRAR, COMMANDER OF THE UNOMUR FORCES ON THE UGANDA-RWANDA BORDER REPORTED ON MAY 17 THAT THE UGANDANS HAVE GIVEN THE UN FORCES PERMISSION TO OPERATE ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF THE BORDER, THAT THE RPF IS COOPERATING FULLY WITH UNOMUR, THAT LAND AND ROAD SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES UNABATED, AND THAT THE BORDER IS QUIET WITH NO UNUSUAL MILITARY MOVEMENTS OR ACTIVITY ON THE UGANDAN SIDE. (KAMPALA 3998)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE TALBOTT CONVOKED RWANDAN AMBASSADOR UWIMANA MAY 17 TO INSIST THAT EVACUATION BY UNAMIR BE ARRANGED WITHIN 72 HOURS FOR ALL PERSONS TRAPPED IN PLACES OF REFUGE IN GOR CONTROLLED ZONES OF RWANDA. UWIMANA SAID THAT HE WOULD RELAY THE MESSAGE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE INTERIM PRIME MINISTER SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL. (TALBOTT MEETING W/UWIMANA)

ON MAY 18, AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE SPOKE WITH RPF FORCE COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME MORNING OF MAY 18. THE RPF AGREED TO WORK WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE ON THE US

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PROPOSAL FOR THE EVACUATION OF RWANDANS TRAPPED BEHIND GOR LINES. A/S MOOSE TOLD KAGAME THAT WE WANT A CEASE-FIRE TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION AND WARNED HIM THAT THE CONTINUING PRESSURE OF THE RPF TROOPS MOVING SOUTH COULD FUEL FURTHER MASSACRES AND RISKS DESTABILIZING BURUNDI. MOOSE ADDED THAT WE WERE HEARING INCREASING REPORTS OF RPF ATROCITIES AND NOTED THAT AS

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THE RPF CONTINUED TO TAKE MORE TERRITORY, THE RISK OF A BREAKDOWN IN DISCIPLINE ONLY INCREASED. (AF TELCON WITH KAGAME)

PRESIDENT MWINYI ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS CONVENING A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF UGANDA, ZAIRE, KENYA, ZAMBIA, AND BURUNDI TO FIND WAYS TO END THE WAR IN RWANDA FROM MAY 27-29. THE OAU, THE UN, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH SIDE OF THE RWANDAN CONFLICT WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND. (FBIS ABIDJAN AF 3289/ DAR ES SALAAM 3106

THE RPF'S VICE CHAIRMAN, DENIS POLISIS, WARNED THAT IF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS CAME BETWEEN THEIR FORCES AND THE GOVERNMENT'S, THEY WOULD BE TREATED AS THE ENEMY AND ENGAGED. HE ADDED THAT THE ONLY FORCE THE RPF ACCEPTED WAS ONE WITH A STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN MISSION. (REUTERS)

UPON HIS RETURN FROM RWANDA, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO REPORTED THAT HE FEARED THAT MORE THAN 600,000 WERE PROBABLY DEAD IN RWANDA. LASSO REPORTED THAT BOTH SIDES ACCEPT THE IDEA OF AN INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. LASSO SAID THAT THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BIZIMUNGU TOLD HIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE SUPPORT OF 80 PERCENT OF RWANDA'S PEOPLE. IF THE RPF CONTINUES THE WAR, BIZIMUNGU REPORTED "WE'LL EXTERMINATE ALL TUTSIS". (USMISSION GENEVA 4608)

HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

THE ICRC ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE OVER ONE MILLION DISPLACED IN RWANDA AND CLOSE TO 58,000 PERSONS AT RISK

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IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS (USMISSION GENEVA 4605):

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KIGALI:

HOTEL MILLES COLLINES
550
STE FAMILLE INCL. ST. PAUL
6,000
SOEURS BERNARDINE
100
TANZANIAN/ZAIRIAN EMBASSY
600
ORPHANAGE M. VETTER
70
ORPHANAGE GYSIMBA
160
MEDICAL CENTRE BILYOGO
155
CENTRE KACYIRU
3,000

RWANDAN COUNTRYSIDE:

KABGAYI
40,000
RWANDAN RED CROSS BUTARE BASE
500
CYANGUGU STADIUM
2,400
NYARUSHISHI
2,000
SHORONGI

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400
MIBIRIZI
1,700
GISENYI RELIGIOUS GROUP
20
BURAMBO PARISH
50

THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IS PROVIDING FOOD TO APPROXIMATELY 92,000 PERSONS IN THE MUTURA AND KIBUNGO AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE RPF IN THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF RWANDA AND ICRC IS PROVIDING FOOD TO APPROXIMATELY 180,000 IN BYUMBA AND RUHENGIRI IN NORTHERN RWANDA. WFP IS ALSO PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO 8,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN UGANDA AND TO 5,000 IN GOMA, ZAIRE. (NAIROBI 8867)

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BURUNDI:

INTERIM PRESIDENT NTIBANTUNGANYA HAS INITIATED EFFORTS TO
SELECT A NEW CHIEF OF STATE. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED
INFORMALLY IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT CAN PROVIDE AN
ACCEPTABLE MECHANISM FOR THE SUCCESSION PROCESS.
(BUJUMBURA 1719)

END SITREP TEXT
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